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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-14, 16-20, 22-24, and 26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-20, 22-24 and 26 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-14, 16-17, 19-20, 22-24, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,073,075 to Kondou et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 to Nagendran.

3. As to claim 1, Kondou teaches a data output system in which a plurality of output apparatuses and an accumulating apparatus are connected together through a network, and data stored in an information accumulating apparatuses is output by one of the plurality of output apparatuses, comprising: pursuing unit adapted to pursue a location of a terminal which a user carries (col. 5, lines 6-35, the terminal 10 is pursued by the information server); data transmission means for selecting information that corresponds to location information indicative of the user's location pursued by said pursuing means and transmitting data that has been stored in another of the plurality information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus; (col. 6, line 62-col. 7, line 17); and output processing means of transmitting the data transmitted to the information

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accumulating apparatus by said data transmission means from the information accumulating apparatus to one of the plurality of output apparatuses in accordance with an instruction from the user for output of the data (col. 7, line 28-col. 8, line 3); however, Kondou does not teach a selecting a specific accumulating apparatus to transmit the data to based on the user's position (Kondou generically teaches sending data from the information server).

4. Nagendran teaches a data transmission unit adapted to select one of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses that corresponds to location information indicative of the location of the terminal pursued by said pursuing means and transmitting data that has been stored in another of the plurality information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus if the selected information accumulating apparatus which corresponds to the location information is different from the another information accumulating apparatus which has stored the data (col. 5, lines 31-col. 6, line 11, Nagendran routes the data to the closest base station, the location database is considered one information accumulating apparatus and the base station is considered another); wherein said data transmission means transmits the data from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus without an instruction from the user for output of the data (col. 5, lines 31-col. 6, line 11).

5. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Computer Networking art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Kondou regarding information accumulation with the teachings of Nagendran regarding the selection of a location specific base station because Kondou discloses the used of mobile radio communications and base stations are commonly used to provide communication for mobile radio communications.

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6. As to claim 2, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1, further comprising the provision of: information display means for displaying the data accumulated in the information accumulating apparatuses on the screen of an information processing apparatus used by the user (col. 5, lines 6-35); designating means for designating desired data from among the displayed data (col. 5, lines 6-35); and transmitting means for transmitting the designated data to the information processing apparatus used by the user (col. 5, lines 6-35).

7. As to claim 3, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1, having user designating means for designating the user and wherein in that the information of the degree of importance or urgency is designated in said user designating means (col. 5, line 58-col. 6, line 43).

8. As to claim 4, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1 further comprising said pursuing means specifies the user's location on the basis of location information transmitted by an information processing apparatus used by the user (col. 5, lines 6-35).

9. As to claim 6, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 2, further comprising said information display means displays the data name of the data moved to the nearest information accumulating apparatus and addressed to relevant user on the screen of the information processing apparatus used by the user (col. 5, lines 6-35).

10. As to claim 7, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 6, further comprising said output processing means transmits at least one datum selected from among the displayed data to the output apparatus (col. 5, lines 6-35).

11. As to claim 9, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1, further comprising said moving means determines whether the location information has been updated

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(col. 6, line 47-col. 7, line 21), and selects the information accumulating apparatus corresponding to the location information in conformity with the determination that it has been updated (col. 6, line 47-col. 7, line 21).

12. As to claim 10, Kondou teaches a data output system according to claim 1, further comprising said moving means moves the data when the information accumulating apparatus currently storing the data therein and the information accumulating apparatus corresponding to the location information differ from each other (col. 6, line 47-col. 7, line 21).

13. As to claims 11-14 and 16-17 and 19-20 and 22-24 and 26 they are rejected for the same reasons as claims 1-4 and 6-7 and 9-10.

14. Claims 8 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,073,075 to Kondou et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 to Nagendran in further view of U.S. Patent Number 6,671,737 to Snowdon et al..

15. As to claim 8, the Kondou-Nagendran combination teaches the data output system of claim 1, however the Kondou-Nagendran combination does not explicitly teach the data being document data with a print apparatus.

Snowdon teaches document data to a node with a print apparatus (col. 13, lines 1-34).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Computer Networking art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of the Kondou-Nagendran combination regarding the delivery of data to terminal with changing locations with the teachings of Snowdon regarding printing with a mobile apparatus because printing devices are commonly used in networks (Snowdon, col. 1, lines 27-49).

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16. As to claim 18, it features the same limitations as claim 8 and is rejected for the same reasons as claim 8.

Response to Arguments

17. Applicant's arguments filed 4/18/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that Kondou does not teach the pursuit of a user terminal and that Nagendram does not teach selecting an information accumulating apparatus that corresponds to location information.

18. In response, Kondou reads on "pursuit" as claimed. The terminal's location is pursued by the information server. The claims do not specify that the pursuing apparatus has to pursue independently of any action by the terminal. Nagendram teaches one information accumulating apparatus (the location database which collects information about locations) send data to another information accumulating apparatus (the base station collects and stores information destined for the terminal) based on the location of the terminal (the base station is picked based on its location to the user's terminal).

19. It is suggested that the applicant claim the invention more specifically in order to overcome the current rejections. For example, the applicant's remarks filed on 12/22/2005 describe the invention very clearly (page 11 of the Remarks, 3rd paragraph). However, the applicant's claim language is broader than this invention description. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Conclusion

20. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

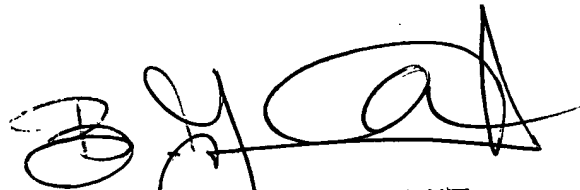
21. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas B. Blair whose telephone number is 571-272-3893. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5pm Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on 571-272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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